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James McCament
Acting Director
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Director McCament,

I write to express my deep concern over reports that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) agents entered an elementary school in my district in search of information pertaining to a student. The incident occurred at P.S. 58 The School of Heroes, located at 72-24 Grand Ave, Maspeth, NY 11378, on May 11, 2017.

Both Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) have explicit policies outlining acceptable and prohibited actions that can be taken by their officers and agents at "sensitive locations," such as schools, houses of worship, and hospitals. However, USCIS does not appear to have a similar policy in place.

The agents' actions raise serious concerns over the supervision of USCIS agents and USCIS policies and protocols. In an effort to ensure that these sensitive locations remain protected, I request that you provide the following information:

1. A detailed description of all USCIS policies regarding sensitive locations.
2. A detailed description of all USCIS policies or protocols in relation to inquiries made at schools regarding students.
3. A detailed description of the circumstances that led to USCIS agents to enter P.S. 58 The School of Heroes, on May 11, 2017 and to why an in-person visit was necessary, as opposed to an email or a phone inquiry?

4. A detailed description of any approvals provided to the agents in question that would allow them to enter P.S. 58 The School of Heroes, on May 11, 2017.
5. Any determination as to whether the agents in question followed USCIS policy when he entered P.S. 58 The School of Heroes, on May 11, 2017.

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter. I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,


Grace Meng
Member of Congress